

**JUNE 26, 2020**  
**STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**  
**RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC BEST PRACTICE AND ACTIVITY SPECIFIC**  
**PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR SAFE OPERATION OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES,**  
**ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS, AS PERIODICALLY UPDATED IN GRAND COUNTY’S**  
**COVID-19 SUPPRESSION PLAN AND PLAYBOOKS**

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**GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR**  
**JUNE 26, 2020**

**COVID-19 QUICK REFERENCE**  
**HOW TO COMPLY, BE SAFE, AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH**

**1. BEST PRACTICE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ALWAYS APPLY:** Grand County Public Health’s (GCPH) *Best Practice Protective Measures* and operating protocols shall always apply for all businesses and all activities at all times until further notice. These baseline *Best Practice Protective Measures* can be found in this Order and the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks available at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19).

**2. ACTIVITY SPECIFIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND GUIDANCE PLAYBOOKS:** The industry sector, recreation, event, and other activities *Activity Specific Protective Measures* and operating protocols contained in the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks shall apply for all applicable businesses and activities at all times until further notice. These *Activity Specific Protective Measures* change regularly depending on the COVID-19 health of the County and State. In particular, due to the dynamic nature of State Public Health Orders and variability of COVID-19 threats locally, capacity limits for different industries, activities, events, and sectors may change regularly.

To provide efficient public communication of adjustments in local capacity limits required by periodic changes in state and local public health orders, the following chart is intended to provide up to date information on capacities. A more comprehensive explanation of Protective Measure requirements that are expected to change less often can be found in the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19). Also, any GCPH Director approved updates made to the capacities contained in the chart set forth in this order below will be reflected in an updated release of that chart in this standing order as well as in the appropriate Playbooks and online at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19). Updates will include the most recent date of change.

**REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION FORM FOR EACH ACTIVITY IDENTIFIED HEREIN**

Date	Activity	Capacity
<b>Recreation, Activities, &amp; Events</b>		
6/26	<a href="#">Bowling Alleys</a>	50% of bowling lanes open or every other lane
6/26	<a href="#">Camps, Day &amp; Youth Sports Camps</a>	Not to exceed twenty-five (25) campers outdoors and ten (10) campers indoors, maintaining six (6) feet distancing. If the indoor space is large enough to allow for social distancing (6-feet between each camper and minimum of 36 square feet per camper), more than one stable group could be in an indoor space at the same time as long as there is adequate space between groups and safe egress is not compromised. Capacity for square footage of usable space should be calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> .
6/26	<a href="#">Camps, Overnight &amp; Residential</a>	Not to exceed 25 campers outdoors and ten (10) campers indoors, maintaining six (6) feet distancing. Outdoors, up to fifty (50) campers allowed to gather for limited non-physical group activities following the <a href="#">outdoor event guidance</a> . A determination if the indoor space is large enough to allow for social distancing (6-feet between each camper and minimum of 36 square feet per camper). If the space is large enough, more than one established group could be in an indoor space at the same time as long as there is adequate space between groups and safe egress is not compromised. Capacity for square footage of usable space should be calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> .
6/26	<a href="#">Golf Courses</a>	Four (4) people per tee time; Lessons twenty-five (25) participants, excluding instructors; one (1) household per cart
6/26	<a href="#">Gyms and Indoor Fitness Facilities</a>	25% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) patrons (excludes coaches), whichever is less, per room; Organized teams limited to twenty-five (25) players, excluding coaches; Fitness classes limited to twenty-five (25).
6/26	<a href="#">Outdoor Recreation (including Outdoor Recreation Businesses &amp; Outfitters)</a>	Group size not to exceed ten (10), not including staff; up to two (2) households in a boat or jeep, not including staff
6/26	<a href="#">Outdoor Sports Facilities &amp; Playgrounds</a>	Not to exceed twenty-five (25) people, at a time, per court or field
6/26	<a href="#">Personal Recreation</a>	Group size not to exceed ten (10), unless otherwise specified
6/26	<a href="#">Pools, Hot Tubs and Saunas (Indoors)</a>	25% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) people, whichever is less, per room; Saunas closed; Aquatic fitness classes limited to ten (10)
6/26	<a href="#">Pools, Hot Tubs (Outdoors)</a>	50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) people, whichever is less
6/26	<a href="#">Shelters, Pavilions, Picnic Tables</a>	Group size not to exceed ten (10)
6/26	<a href="#">Sports Leagues &amp; Organized Rec Programs</a>	Up to twenty-five (25) players, per team, excluding coaches and referees/umpires
6/26	<a href="#">Theaters (Movie &amp; Performance)</a>	25% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) people, whichever is less, maintaining six (6) feet distancing
6/26	<a href="#">Indoor Events</a>	Limit capacity depending on venue size accounting for usable square footage with a maximum of 100 people, excluding staff, per room, maintaining six (6) feet distance between non-household contacts. Capacity for square footage of usable space should be calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> .
6/26	<a href="#">Outdoor Events</a>	Limit capacity depending on venue size accounting for usable square footage with a maximum of 175 people, excluding staff, per room, maintaining six (6) feet distance between non-household contacts. Capacity for square footage of usable space should be calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> .

		*Venues that have multiple designated activities/events that are physically separated, such as a fair with activities taking place in separate buildings or arenas, may have the maximum capacity in each setting, and must implement additional prevention measures, such as one-way traffic, as attendees move from one activity or event to the next. The designated activities must occur a minimum of 50 feet from each other, maintain separate entrances and exits, and must minimize the use of shared facilities like restrooms.
<b>Lodging</b>		
6/26	<a href="#">Campgrounds</a>	Camp only with members of your household in your local region. Do not invite visitors to your campsite
6/26	<a href="#">Hotels, Motels, Other Accommodation, NOT Short Term Rentals (STRs)</a>	Full Capacity. Recommend 24-hour rest period with adequate sanitizing and disinfecting between guests
6/26	<a href="#">Short-Term Rentals (STRs)</a>	Full Capacity. Recommend 24-hour rest period with adequate sanitizing and disinfecting between guests.
<b>Worship &amp; Life Rites</b>		
6/26	<a href="#">Places of Worship &amp; Life Rites (Indoor)</a>	50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) people, whichever is less, per room. Extra large venues (>7,200 square feet) hosting worship or life rites ceremonies may operate up to 100 people indoors within their usable space calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> .
6/26	<a href="#">Places of Worship &amp; Life Rites (Outdoor)</a>	113 sq ft / person, not to exceed 100 people, per outdoor space
<b>Restaurants, Bars &amp; Food Service</b>		
6/26	<a href="#">Bars, Taverns, Breweries, etc...</a>	25% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) patrons, whichever is less, maintaining six (6) feet distance between tables; If the establishment also ensures access to food from a licensed retail food establishment for on-premise consumption, it may operate 50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) patrons, whichever is less indoors within their usable space calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> . Party size not to exceed eight (8)
6/26	<a href="#">Restaurants &amp; Food Services</a>	50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) patrons, whichever is less, maintaining six (6) feet distance between tables; Extra large venues (>7,200 square feet) may expand up to 100 patrons indoors within their usable space calculated using the <a href="#">Social Distancing Space Calculator</a> . Party size not to exceed eight (8)
<b>Other Industries &amp; Sectors</b>		
6/26	<a href="#">Statewide Gathering Limit for Everything Not Otherwise Specified (Indoors &amp; Outdoors)</a>	Group size not to exceed ten (10), maintaining six (6) feet distancing
6/26	<a href="#">Childcare Facilities</a>	35 sq. feet, per child for infants; 30 sq. feet, per child for preschool and school-age children
6/26	<a href="#">Field Services &amp; Real Estate</a>	Adhere to all general rules, guidance on social gathering limitations, and social distance requirements. No real estate open houses.
6/26	<a href="#">Non-Critical Manufacturing</a>	50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) employees, whichever is less
6/26	<a href="#">Office-Based Businesses</a>	50% in-office occupancy, telecommuting maximized
6/26	<a href="#">Personal Services</a>	50% capacity, not to exceed fifty (50) people, whichever is less
6/26	<a href="#">Retail</a>	50% capacity for in-person shopping, Indoor and outdoor retail market operators as well as indoor mall operators must adhere to <a href="#">Indoor and/or Outdoor Event guidelines</a> . Individual vendors follow Retail guidelines.

## PURPOSE

This Public Health Order:

1. Is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19.
2. Implements Activity Specific Protective Measures to allow safe operation of certain, specifically identified industries, businesses, recreation, events and other activities in Grand County while maintaining Best Practice Protective Measures, including safe and sustainable levels of social distancing.
3. Continues social distancing requirements for all residents and Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable populations pursuant Colorado Governor's Executive Order D 2020-017.
4. Continues the requirement to submit a [Compliance Verification Form](#) through Grand County Public Health for each activity subject to Activity Specific Protection Measures and display approved acceptance documentation prior to opening and receiving customers, or commencing an event or other activity.

## ORDER

1. Generally applicable Best Practice Protective Measures to be followed by all citizens, businesses, and visitors while in Grand County include:
  - a. Social Distancing
    - i. Keeping six (6) feet of physical distance between individuals at all times
  - b. Hygiene and Environmental Practices
    - i. Washing hands frequently with soap and water. Using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
    - ii. Covering coughs and sneezes
    - iii. Frequent sanitation of high touch surfaces
    - iv. Not shaking hands
    - v. Wearing face coverings indoors and within six (6) feet of others
    - vi. Monitoring signs and symptoms of employees and participants of gatherings
    - vii. Sick and symptomatic people stay at home and excluded from work and activities
    - viii. Gathering number limit per state orders
  - c. Travel
    - i. Vulnerable individuals travel for necessary activities only
    - ii. Travel guidance per state order
  - d. Healthcare System
    - i. Maintain adequate healthcare capacity
2. Any business, public or private gathering, recreation, event, or other activity that intends to open or take place while Governor Polis' and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) COVID-19 Public Health Orders and/or this June 26, 2020 local standing public health order remain in place must also comply with the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks incorporated herein. There are local Playbooks

for Restaurants, Lodging, Worship, and Recreation, Events, and Activities which can be found at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19). PLEASE BE ADVISED:

- a. Protective Measures in all Playbooks may be updated at any time by formal amendment of the Grand County Public Health Director, and upon Director approval will become a part of this Standing Public Health Order. The most up to date guidance documents can be found on the Grand County website at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19).
- b. Protective Measures in all Playbooks will take precedence over state orders, regardless of whether the local public health Playbooks' Protective Measures are more or less restrictive than current state orders.
- c. Businesses, employers, sole proprietors, and organizers of events and activities shall submit a [Compliance Verification Form](#) through Grand County Public Health for each activity subject to Activity Specific Protection Measures and display approved acceptance documentation prior to opening and receiving customers, or commencing an event or other activity. The Verification Forms can be found on the Grand County website at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19).
- d. Indoor and outdoor receptions, events, fairs, rodeos, non-critical auctions, concerts, outdoor markets, or other outdoor activities and venues not covered in other guidances in excess of one hundred participants will need to submit a plan to Grand County Public Health for approval. The Event Planning Application can be found on the Grand County website at [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19).
- e. Any business, public or private gathering, or organized recreation, event, or other activity that is not in compliance with this and other applicable State and local public health orders shall cease operation or activity.

*Please note that due to the constantly changing course of the COVID-19 pandemic and local health, economic, social, and resource factors, local, state and federal public health guidance and compliance documents should be consulted regularly as they will necessarily be changing over time. For the public's ease of reference, the most efficient means of consulting the most recent Protective Measures is to visit [www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19).*

These Best Practice Protective Measures, Activity Specific Protective Measures, and basic principles for responding to COVID-19 are critical elements of the CDPHE and GCPH approved Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan. Compliance is critical to suppressing the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in Grand County to levels that do not overwhelm the healthcare system and allow as many businesses and activities as possible to continue operating or occurring.

To the extent there is no conflict with the specific provisions of this **June 26, 2020** Public Health Order and the incorporated Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks, State social distancing requirements, and prohibitions and restrictions on certain events, gatherings, business operations, and other activities remain in full force in Grand County.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME**

This Public Health Order will become effective immediately, and will remain in effect until September 30, 2020, unless specifically amended, superseded, extended, or terminated by order of the Grand County Public Health Director.

## **EFFECTIVE AREA OF ORDER**

This Public Health Order is effective within the entirety of Grand County, including all towns within Grand County.

## **CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIOR ORDERS & LOCAL ORDERS' STANDARDS CONTROL**

This Order is complementary to State public health orders. Therefore, this Order should not be relied upon solely. To the extent any State orders or laws conflict with the express terms of this Order, the provisions of this local June 26, 2020 GCPH Public Health Order control, regardless of whether the State orders or laws are more or less restrictive than what is set forth herein. However, except for those specifically identified measures contained herein, this Order is not intended to limit, rescind, alter, or amend any other applicable public health orders, restrictions, or requirements of the federal, state or local governments. Where the local public Health Director chooses to implement Protective Measures consistent with those contained in any State orders, the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks will so indicate.

All members of the public are responsible for following all other provisions of the Governor's orders, CDPHE orders, and local orders that do not conflict with the specific protective measures set forth herein. Individuals should be aware that new orders are being issued on a regular basis from Governor Polis and CDPHE.

## **FINDINGS**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 virus a "pandemic" and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for the Coronavirus pandemic. Colorado and Grand County have also declared pandemic disaster emergencies due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state. Since that time, the Governor has taken numerous steps to implement measures to mitigate the spread of disease within Colorado, and has further required that several public health orders be issued to implement his orders.

The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population in Grand County places it at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. Moreover, a large surge in the number of persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system to deliver necessary healthcare to the public, especially where health care resources are limited.

The limitations on human contact that health experts have determined decrease the risk of

transmission of COVID-19 to our most vulnerable populations include: limits on large gatherings; business closures and operations restrictions; visitor restrictions for at risk populations, and; the use of social distancing. Public health experts recommend we practice social distancing, or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19. Evidence shows that social distancing and the Governor's Stay-at-Home Executive Order D 2020 017, as amended, have helped to slow the increase of cases and rate of infection.

Implementation of these tactics are especially important for people who are over 65 years old and those with chronic health conditions due to their higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. The current and future COVID-19 pandemic related orders of the State and Local Public Health Departments will reduce the likelihood that many individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at a single event, and will therefore slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Governor's Executive Order D 2020-044 and CDPHE Order 20-28 (Safer at Home Orders) recognize that Local Public Health Agencies are in the best position to render guidance, advice and public health orders that are responsive to the health, safety, and welfare of a community. GCPH requested a limited variance from some of the provisions of the state Safer at Home Orders to better address the needs of Grand County. That limited variance was granted in part on May 28, 2020. The variance approves the Grand County COVID-19 Suppression Plan, and specific requests for variances from provisions of the state Safer at Home Orders, for reopening and operation of certain, specifically identified industries, businesses, activities, and events, consistent with that Suppression Plan.

Relief from these provisions will allow Grand County to tailor its informed, adaptive management responses and future public health orders to the COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that best addresses our county's needs based on science, data, and local factors. The primary objectives of GCPH are to protect the health and welfare of the local community, suppress and stem the transmission rate of the COVID-19 virus in Grand County, and by extension, throughout the state, improve the mental health of our citizens, and continue to help protect and recover the economic health of our businesses, workforce, and citizens as a whole.

Of the eighteen (18) positive COVID-19 cases in Grand County since March 17, 2020, eight (8) cases were diagnosed in the week leading up to the county's approved variance. Ten (10) more have been diagnosed since that time. Initial low rates and numbers were a direct reflection of both aggressive social distancing restrictions as well as the social distancing that naturally occurs in a low population, large land mass county such as ours. With an increase in overall operations, strict disease suppression measures must be adhered to among all persons in the county. This is vital to the success and continuation of this public health order, and to the economic health of the county.

The first two phases of the CDPHE approved Grand County Suppression Plan mirror the state's Stay-at-Home and Safer at Home Orders, though the local public health director has discretion to alter various Protective Measures if deemed appropriate or necessary. Currently, GCPH believes local conditions support an incremental transition from the Suppression Plan's Phase 2 to Phase 3 (*Protect Your Neighbor*), in a manner that follows the state's Safer at Home Order, while allowing more county businesses, including restaurants, regulated short-term lodging, fitness and recreation facilities, houses of worship, and other recreation, events and activities to resume limited operations.

The success of Grand County in stemming the tide of COVID-19 continues to come at a great cost to the social, mental, and economic health of our community. The mental wellness and economic devastation toll is tremendous, and is growing by the day.

GCPH finds that careful, medically informed community action outside the strict constraints of the State Orders is appropriate at this time. Allowing Grand County to customize its restrictions specifically to the conditions in the county will provide for comprehensive community recovery, both in terms of health and economy. GCPH and the local medical providers now have adequate testing and investigatory capacities to monitor the health of the community. While the hope is that the community can continue to “reopen”, GCPH will have the information needed to, if necessary, implement more stringent social distancing and human contact protective measures to slow the transmission and prevalence of the virus in our communities.

This Local Public Health Order implements a number of measures that will allow many to return to work while we maintain a sustainable level of social distancing. In particular, this order continues Social Distancing Requirements for everyone in the community. This order also continues the State Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable individuals. The order, however, permits a more aggressive, albeit still limited, reopening and resumption of commerce, business, and other activities in Grand County. While it is possible that stricter protective measures could be reimposed at some point as mandated by the CDPHE variance approval conditions, the hope and goal is to continue to increase capacities to identify and suppress the COVID-19 virus to levels that are manageable in our community until a long term solution such as a vaccine can be developed and implemented.

### **AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT**

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508, and 25-1-509 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, specific authorities granted to GCPH by CDPHE, as well as other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and declarations. Under these laws and regulations, the Grand County Public Health Director: has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health, and; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within Grand County as Grand County Public Health may find necessary for the protection of the public health.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS, IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE TO STATE AUTHORITIES, SUBJECT TO LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AND THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS. FURTHERMORE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 14.8(K) OF THE GRAND COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SHORT TERM RENTAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER MAY LEAD TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY’S GRAND COUNTY ISSUED SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMIT.**



## FURTHER GUIDANCE & INFORMATION RESOURCES

1. For most up to date capacities & Protective Measures visit [[www.co.grand.co.us/covid19](http://www.co.grand.co.us/covid19)]
2. For State Orders and COVID-19 information visit [[covid19.colorado.gov](http://covid19.colorado.gov)]
3. Further guidelines for social distancing is available at [<https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/public-health-executive-orders-resource>]

For questions regarding Grand County's COVID-19 response please contact the Grand County Joint Information Center at 970-725-3803 or email [jicgrandcounty@gmail.com](mailto:jicgrandcounty@gmail.com).

To report violations of this Order or others, please visit [co.grand.co.us/violation](http://co.grand.co.us/violation).

Grand County Public Health is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Grand County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. *See* section 25-1-508, Colorado Revised Statutes. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare. Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Grand County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.



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**6-26-20**

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Date